



THE BERGMAN BOG IN AUGLAIZE COUNTY

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The Bergman Bog is located in Auglaize County near the Mercer County line. It is about three hundred yards long and about two hundred sixty yards wide. With permis-

sion of owners John and Karen Bergman I have hunted the bog area for several years.

On May 15, 2010, I went to the farm to hunt between the rows of corn in the field surrounding the bog that had just been sprayed with anhydrous ammonia. I didn't hold out much hope of finding anything.

However, just northeast of the bog I found a seven inch slate celt (Fig. 1) not far from the no-plow zone. Behind the

bog I found a number of broken flints. The next find was the four inch Archaic knife (Fig. 2) and two rows away was the broken base of another knife like the one I had just found.

Bog sites are logical places to find artifacts since numerous animals have congregated around them for water for centuries. In Paleo times some of the megafauna may have become stuck there.

I would like to express my thanks to the Bergman family for the privilege of hunting their farm.



Figure 1 (Evans)
Seven inch slate
celt.



Figure 2 (Evans)
Four inch knife from
Bergman Bog. This
tool is probably made
from Coshocton flint
and seems to have
an inclusion of Nellie
Chert.